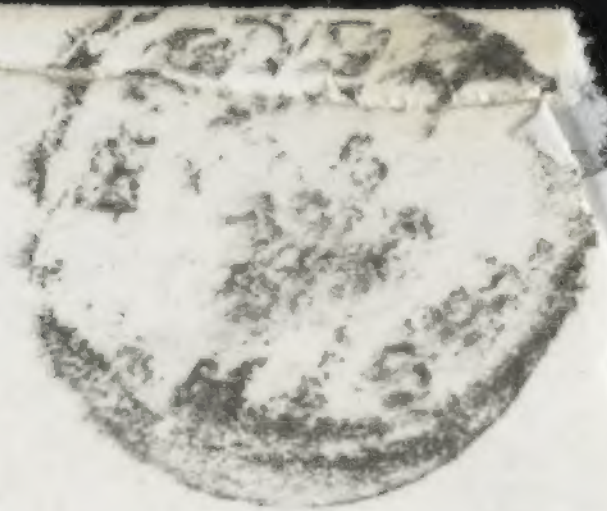


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Roxbury, Nov. 14, 1869.

My dear Johnson:

I am much obliged to you for sending me a copy of "The Revolution" of last week. Some one has also forwarded to me a copy of the same paper of the 28th October. I do not wonder that you feel indignant at the attacks made upon me in its columns by "E. C. L.," seeing how bitterly and unscrupulously they are made. Though so grossly misrepresented, I cannot bring my mind to the task of making any rejoinder in "The Revolution," and must therefore patiently submit to its inflictions; for there is no equality in contending with one who shows no regard for truth or decency. To reply elsewhere would not enable the readers of that paper to see my refutation of its perverse statements. However, I have just written a long and faithful letter to Mrs. Hooker at Hartford, drawing her attention to some of those statements; and concluding it as follows:—

"If what I have laid before you has been gathered from only two numbers of The Revolution, published since the Convention at Hartford, — and notwithstanding multitudinous entreaties and admonitions from old and once cherished friends and coadjutors, from the very first number downward, — I leave you to judge how much that has been both false and foolish must have appeared in that paper during the period of its existence. I see no hope of its amendment. There are female demagogues as well as male; and the truth compels me to say that I regard both Mrs. Stanton and Miss Anthony as quite unscrupulous in their advocacy of a cause which it is not in their power to make otherwise than just and righteous in itself, however reprehensively they may behave."

I fear that Mrs. Hooker has been so thoroughly manipulated by E. C. S. and L. A., and has so decidedly taken their part, that it will be difficult to open her eyes.

I find I have not quoted my closing paragraph, after all. Here it is:—

"With the highest respect for you personally, let me caution you against committing yourself to an endorsement of their course, without further and very careful investigation. They may not talk of their zeal, or energy, or devotion in the cause as a reason why they should be accepted as its honored representatives. Until they cease acting upon the jesuitical doctrine that the end sanctifies the means, and prove themselves to be acting from pure and disinterested motives, eschewing whatever is at variance with truth and decency, I, for one, must withhold from them my confidence, and seek the co-operation of those whose trustworthiness I cannot doubt."

This, you will see, is plain talk, and coming directly to the point.

In her account of the Hartford Convention, Mrs. Stanton says—"Mr. Garrison fired one terrific broadside into the National As-

Let me suggest the expediency of your cutting
out and preserving all the articles you may find in
your exchanges, for use in the Bible School question.
W.D. 5.
Truly yours,
M.D. 5.

society, the Revolution, and the Bible.
Of course, the impression here intended to be
conveyed is, that, as I repudiated the Bible
as I did her Society and paper! What I
said was, that the woman question was not
a Biblical one, but was to be decided on
its own merits. But this is a specimen of
her artfulness.

She then has the effrontery to say -
"Mr. Garrison paid us one grand compli-
ment. He said The Revolution had been bet-
ter the last four months than it was the
first four months, which is to confess, 1st,
That he is a faithful reader of its pages.
2d, That we are steadily improving, growing
in grace, and in favor with Boston." She
knew no such commendation came from
my lips!

Sub rosa - Could you procure for
me the regular volumes of The Revolution up
to this time, without letting it be known for
whom they are intended? If so, send them by ex-
press, care of Bailey, Jenkins, & Garrison, 164
Washington St., Boston. I will pay you for the same.

It may be necessary to show up its many objectionable features at intervals.